

Resources & Services

U.S. Small Business Administration



Your Small Business Resource

Realize your dreams of entrepreneurship with a wealth of resources from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Whether your enterprise is a startup, an established or an expanding business, the SBA's resources and services can help you. Visit our Web site or check the government pages in your phone book for the office closest to you.

As *Your Small Business Resource*, the SBA can connect you with a network of services to fit your needs.

SBA Loan Guaranties and Investment Financing

- Receive up to \$2 million through a 7(a) loan for startup, expansion and working-capital financing.
- Secure long-term and fixed-asset financing with a 504 loan through SBA-approved lenders.
- Obtain financing from Small Business Investment Companies that invest venture capital and start-up capital.
- Build wealth in low-income areas through the New Markets Venture Capital Program.

Federal Contracting Assistance

- Certify your company with the 8(a) Business Development Program, which provides business development and federal contract support to eligible small, disadvantaged businesses.
- Obtain federal contract preferences in the HUBZone Program if your business is in a qualified historically underutilized business zone and meets ownership, control and employee residency requirements.
- Make one-to-one connections with procurement managers at Business Matchmaking events or online.

Surety Bond Guarantee Program

- Secure bid, performance and payment bonds on contracts up to \$2 million for eligible small businesses unable to obtain bonds through regular commercial channels.

Business Counseling and Training

- Attend seminars and receive one-to-one counseling at your nearby Small Business Development Center.
- Consult SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business," for mentoring and assistance in developing business plans.
- Learn how to start and build your business at Women's Business Centers.
- Receive information about Native American entrepreneurs.
- Seek business training, mentorship and counseling as an eligible veteran owning or starting a small business through the Veterans Business Outreach Program.
- Improve your ability to compete through free, online training programs.

International Trade

- Receive export marketing, trade finance assistance and business counseling through the U.S. Export Assistance Centers.

SBA Disaster Assistance

- Recover from disasters and rebuild your life with affordable, timely and accessible financial assistance to homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes.
- Receive working-capital loans to sustain business while on active duty through the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan (MREIDL) program.

Advocacy

- Make your voice heard in government and review the latest statistics and economic studies.

National Ombudsman

- Channel your federal regulatory concerns through the SBA's National Ombudsman, who acts as a liaison between small businesses and federal agencies.